

**Great is Thy faithfulness,**

O God my Father,  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness,  
Great is thy faithfulness;  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hast provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness,  
Mercy and love.

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine,  
With ten thousand beside!

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**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater

than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Amen.

**Greet/Notices**

**Bible Reading - Amos 5:1-27**

**5** Hear this word, O house of Israel,  
this lament I take up concerning you:

<sup>2</sup>"Fallen is Virgin Israel,  
never to rise again,  
deserted in her own land,  
with no one to lift her up."

<sup>3</sup>This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"The city that marches out a thousand  
strong for Israel  
will have only a hundred left;  
the town that marches out a hundred  
strong  
will have only ten left."

<sup>4</sup>This is what the LORD says to the house  
of Israel:

"Seek me and live;  
<sup>5</sup> do not seek Bethel,  
do not go to Gilgal,  
do not journey to Beersheba.  
For Gilgal will surely go into exile,  
and Bethel will be reduced to nothing."

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will sweep through the house of  
Joseph like a fire;  
it will devour,  
and Bethel will have no one to  
quench it.

<sup>7</sup>You who turn justice into bitterness  
and cast righteousness to the ground

<sup>8</sup>(he who made the Pleiades and Orion,  
who turns blackness into dawn  
and darkens day into night,  
who calls for the waters of the sea  
and pours them out over the face of  
the land--

the LORD is his name—

<sup>9</sup>he flashes destruction on the stronghold  
and brings the fortified city to ruin),  
<sup>10</sup>you hate the one who reproves in court  
and despise him who tells the truth.

<sup>11</sup>You trample on the poor  
and force him to give you grain.  
Therefore, though you have built stone  
mansions,  
you will not live in them;  
though you have planted lush  
vineyards,  
you will not drink their wine.  
<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your offenses  
and how great your sins.

You oppress the righteous and take  
bribes  
and you deprive the poor of justice in  
the courts.  
<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet  
in such times,  
for the times are evil.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good, not evil,  
that you may live.  
Then the LORD God Almighty will be  
with you,  
just as you say he is.  
<sup>15</sup>Hate evil, love good;  
maintain justice in the courts.  
Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will  
have mercy  
on the remnant of Joseph.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore this is what the Lord, the  
LORD God Almighty, says:

"There will be wailing in all the streets  
and cries of anguish in every public  
square.

The farmers will be summoned to weep  
and the mourners to wail.

<sup>17</sup>There will be wailing in all the  
vineyards,  
for I will pass through your midst,"  
says the Lord.

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who long  
for the day of the Lord!  
Why do you long for the day of the  
Lord?  
That day will be darkness, not light.

<sup>19</sup>It will be as though a man fled from a  
lion  
only to meet a bear,  
as though he entered his house  
and rested his hand on the wall

only to have a snake bite him.

<sup>20</sup>Will not the day of the LORD be  
darkness, not light—  
pitch-dark, without a ray of  
brightness?

<sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your religious  
feasts;  
I cannot stand your assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you bring me burnt  
offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them.  
Though you bring choice fellowship  
offerings,  
I will have no regard for them.

<sup>23</sup>Away with the noise of your songs!  
I will not listen to the music of your  
harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing  
stream!

<sup>25</sup>"Did you bring me sacrifices and  
offerings  
for forty years in the desert, O house  
of Israel?

<sup>26</sup>You have lifted up the shrine of your  
king,  
the pedestal of your idols,  
the star of your god—  
which you made for yourselves.

<sup>27</sup>Therefore I will send you into exile  
beyond Damascus,"  
says the LORD, whose name is God  
Almighty.

### **NICENE CREED**

All: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

**Everyone needs compassion,**  
Love that's never failing,  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Saviour,  
The hope of nations.

*Saviour, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as You find me,  
All my fears and failures,  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in,  
Now I surrender.

Bridge  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus.  
Shine your light and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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## Sermon

**As the deer pants for the water,**  
So my soul longs after You;  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength my shield,  
To You alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.*

You're my friend and You are my brother,  
Even though You are a King;  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver;  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joygiver  
And the apple of my eye.

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## Prayers

### COMMUNION CONFESSION

*All:* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we acknowledge and lament our many sins and the wickedness we have committed time after time, by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty. We have provoked your righteous anger and your indignation against us. We earnestly repent, and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings; the memory of them weighs us down, the burden of them is too great for us to bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from this time forward we may always serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy on *us*, pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins, confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness, and bring *us* to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.

### Preface

Lift up your hearts.

*All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you, and *saying*:

*All*: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

### Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.

### The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*All*: Amen.

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,**  
Slain for us, and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in,  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim Christ will come again,  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

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**What can wash away my sin?**  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow,  
That makes me white as snow,  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Robert Lowry*

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Blessing

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